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## **Press Release**

### **Road Closure Alert**

COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS – June 18, 2015 — The Illinois Department of Transportation announces the closure of several area roadways due to flooding: Water Street (IL Route 3 Truck By-Pass) in Chester and Kaskaskia Road in Chester. At approximately 2 PM this afternoon, the flood gates near Cora, Illinois will be installed - effectively closing IL 3 between Chester and Grimsby.

Within the next 24 hours, several additional roadways including IL 155 in Randolph County and IL 100 in Grafton may be impacted.

The Department will continue monitoring State roadways in the Counties of Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Madison, and Randolph throughout the week. Flooding may require closure of State Highways and Ferries along the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. Over the next several days, we will provide updates, as warranted, when developments occur.

Traffic control devices and directional signage, including dynamic message boards, have been deployed to guide motorists safely around major closures. Travelers are advised to consider alternate routes or allow additional time to travel known flood prone areas. Regardless, all motorists are urged to be patient, reduce speed and exercise added caution throughout the Metro East region – as traffic patterns and travel times will likely be affected.

Since this is a very dynamic situation, please see the Department's website, [www.idot.il.gov](http://www.idot.il.gov), for the latest information on roadway closures throughout Illinois. Detailed information on the Metro East is also available at [www.stl-traffic.org/](http://www.stl-traffic.org/).

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